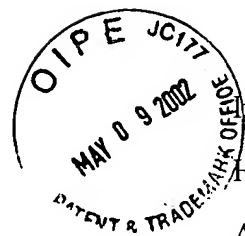


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re Application of:

HIROYUKI SHINBATA

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For: IMAGE PROCESSING
APPARATUS, IMAGE
PROCESSING SYSTEM,
IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD
AND STORAGE MEDIUM

Examiner: Unassigned

Group Art Unit: 2621

May 9, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

REMARKS

The JP '708 and '562 references are cited at pages 2 and 3, respectively, of the specification, and are believed pertinent for the reasons set forth therein. English translations of the Japanese documents are not presently available to Applicant's attorney, but may be provided if required by the Examiner. An English abstract for each of the JP '708 and '562 references obtained from a commercial database also is enclosed as an English language statement of relevance for the Examiner's consideration.

FEE STATEMENT

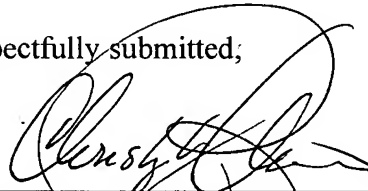
The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the present application, or prior to the mailing of an initial official action. Accordingly, Applicant believes that no fee is required. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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2000-99708	07/2000	JAPAN			ABST.
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